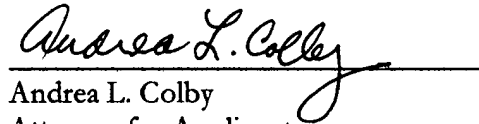


Applicants again respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action of October 19, 2000 in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and discussion. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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